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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Special Activities

SUBJECT : U-2R Program

1. The pace of the U-2R development and advent of flight test phase requires policy consideration of several significant questions. Since the U-2R has been defined as a national asset, which is currently being developed for separate commands (CIA and SAC), with commonality of use the objective, the security procedures for management and operational use of these aircraft must be fully understood by NRO, CIA and SAC. Therefore, the following questions are raised:

A. What data/information will SAC/USAF be permitted to release when U-2R's are distributed to their command?

B. What cover story will be prepared to explain the new procurement and very existence of improved reconnaissance aircraft? Exposure at Davis Monthan will certainly give rise to comment.

C. What security classification will be applied to aircraft frame, unique features, performance characteristics, i.e., altitude, speed, maneuverability, systems options, etc?

25X1 2. The U-2R's reserved to CIA will be controlled in accordance with [] security criteria as practiced at Detachments G and H. Those aircraft transferred to SAC/USAF, including related handbooks, tech manuals, bulletins, will obviously be controlled within the DOD framework. It is pertinent to note that the current SAC U-2 program does not function within [] Therefore, the U-2R procurement and improved aircraft performance must be evaluated in terms of appropriate classification, otherwise details protected on the CIA/NRO [] side would be available at a lesser classification through SAC/USAF.

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NRO review(s) completed.

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3. It is recommended that OSA and NRO prepare for a contingency situation whereby information would be released concerning the development and production of U-2R aircraft. The matter of contingency cover is hereby referred to SA/OSA for attention.

4. This staff also suggests that the Director of Special Activities convene a U-2R management meeting for discussion on aforementioned matters.



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